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JUST A FEW MORE
FROM
WA6WZO



THE PREZ SPEAKS

Regarding the May meeting.....I am sorry!

I am now fully recovered from the "meeting on the curb." Now in the past, I hope that will be the last SCDXC curb meeting. Thanks to all members present who were so patient. I felt so helpless, but all in all everything went OK. There was no raffle so the June meeting will have a great raffle. Speaking of June meeting, Bubba will be missing in action. I will visit my oldest daughter in Ocala Fla. I tried for a different schedule, but it is not easy trying to get everyone's days off together. The Vice Pres. Jeff, K6JW, will also be AWOL with a scheduled surgery. The secretary, Steve, W6NRQ will step up with past pres. Jim, N6DHZ helping out. Lots of experience will make this the best meeting of the year!



I had the opportunity to spend a day with Edwin, ZS5BBO, he was staying with his brother close to my shop and I picked him up for some laughter, food and shopping. Just watching him go through HRO was worth the time! He is a most interesting man with many stories and experiences to share. He will bring his XYL, Janet, with him next year when he returns to Visalia. If you get a chance to spend some time with him, make sure you make the effort for an enjoyable time. He also is a proud member of our club and aware of our monthly raffle. He has donated a nice scarf for the June raffle.

I also had a chance to meet with Larry, VQ9LA. He had a short layover at LAX on his way to Dayton so I went to his Hotel and had breakfast with him. He is another great guy with lots of stories about island life. The pictures look like paradise to me. You can find his web site at QRZ.com. Take a look. I return from Orlando June 12th to LAX at 3:11 on American airlines and he arrives on American at 3:09, so we will get to meet for a short eyeball at the baggage turnstile. His flight will not leave until 10 PM if anyone would like to meet him at the airport and keep him company. OK for now, Bubba used up all his words.....73 and good DX!

THE VP SEZ

As everyone who shivered in the parking lot last month knows, the guy who was supposed to open up the room at the park for our meeting didn't show up yet again, despite Doc's conscientious efforts to get the problem resolved. This is getting old and it is definitely unacceptable. We MUST have a reliable place to meet.



The park has been a great meeting site for us, in truth. It costs us a mere fraction of what most sites would cost us and it is definitely worth the effort to get the problem taken care of once and for all. If we can't however, we're going to have to go on a site search for a new venue. I hope we don't have to do it but stay tuned for the next exciting installment.

My biggest personal regret about last month's non-meeting is that we didn't have the raffle. Yes, I'm aware that the previous raffle was anemic and I take responsibility for that. So, last month, I had some really great stuff: an Astron SS-30M power supply and a Vibroplex Iambic paddle. You'll see them at the June raffle but, I regret to say, I won't be there. I'm having cataract surgery that day and will have to miss the fun.

I'm writing this just before leaving for Dayton and the Hamvention. A bunch of SCDXC members will also be going, so a great time should be had by us all. I understand that attendance is slated to be up this year after a several year decline. In the early 90s, attendance was usually around 30k or a little over. More recently, it's been around 25k. It'll be interesting to see how this year turns out.

At this writing, the radio to be raffled off at the July 8 club picnic is most likely going to be an FT-857D. If I can wangle a deal on an IC-7000 in Dayton, however, you may see that as a substitution. Both radios are terrific (I love the FT-857D in my Acura MDX) and so I can only exhort you all to "buy them little squares and takes your chances" on a big win.

Once again, I think we all owe thanks to Carl for the fantastic job he did yet again in leading us to a fabulous DX Convention in April. The Committee really pitched in under his leadership and, in the weeks since the event, I have heard nothing but raves about how it all went this year. So, my thanks again to Carl and to all of the Committee members who worked so hard and long to create a truly amazing event for every attendee.

Finally, for those who might possibly be interested in my ongoing attempt to secure a tower permit for my new house, let me say that the wheels of government grind slowly and in complex fashion. After filing my initial application, I received in the mail a letter from the City of Rolling Hills Estates listing a bunch of other things they wanted besides the engineering plot plan (which cost me \$2,800), site photographs, full tower specs, RF safety calculations, copies of PRB-1 and California AB-1228, and cover letter with written justification that I'd already submitted. What else did they want? They wanted sign off from contiguous neighbors BEFORE beginning their formal neighborhood compatibility notification process to ALL "neighbors" within a 500 foot radius, distances of contiguous residences from the base of the tower indicated on the plot plan, and independent corroboration of my statements regarding justification for tower height. Oh, and also a check for \$400 for the neighborhood compatibility survey. Jeez.

73 and gud DX 'til next month, JW, K6JW

THE GUYS AND THEIR CLUBS



Courtesy of Don Bostrom N6IC

THE EDITOR

I can really say I'm most pleased about the comments I have received about the newsletter. They all said nice things.....except one. And he has the same problem I do. The editorial print was small. So I will make the letters bigger. I know everyone is still talking about Visalia and I must also. **THE BEST I HAVE SEEN**. Congratulations to all members of the elite workers group.



This job of Editor is not too bad, that is if there is something to print. Using the program was the easy part. Soooo I could use some help from ya'll. We used to or tried to do a members profile. I think there is a world of interest out there about what kind of station Joe Doaks has. Stories of how you got started, how you built your station into that magnificent grouping of stuff. The antenna you tried to put up. ETC, you know what I mean. So please help. Send pictures too. At least tell me what kind of stuff you would like to see in this newsletter. REMEMBER IT GOES TO MANY PLACES SO DON'T HOLLAR TOO LOUD. Forget it...Rich already asked about dancing BEARS. We could have a DO YOU REMEMBER column with your old pictures and new pictures. Of course they would be mixed up. Well those are some of my ideas, sooo how about yours.

I must really thank all the folks that sent in stuff to write, pictures to print, even Rich w6sr and Gary, you remember Gary of long ago, wb6psy. See his story on page 7.

73, Steve... DX is getting better. YES, THERE IS A MEETING IN JUNE.

Test your Islands And solve the anagrams

WORK ETHIC	-----	A NASA SORT	-----
VALET SONG	-----	See page 11 for answers	

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Ted Ryan, WB6JXY's Key Goes Silent

Ted Ryan, WB6JXY was one of amateur radio's most prolific teachers. From 1964 to 2000 he tirelessly taught ham radio to 1,000s. Ted started teaching free licensing classes in 1964 at the San Fernando Amateur Radio Club, W6SD. Someone said to him, "you're pretty good at teaching. You ought to do this full time." He did. He taught electric shop and ham radio at John Burroughs Jr. High School (JB) in LA (Hancock Park) from 1970 to 1982.

He liked to be called "grandpa." He hugged his students and called them "sweetheart." His enthusiasm for ham radio ignited both his young and not so young students' imaginations. After retiring from teaching full-time, he continued to teach at the Red Cross. Ted's key went silent December 27, 2005 after complications from cancer and heart problems.

As one of his former students and past Club President at JB, I have with his son Roger, AA6EA, set up a memorial webpage to honor Ted - <http://tedryan.bappy.com> The page is a work in progress. We are seeking a list of those he taught, information, stories and pictures from his students and friends. If you can help.

Please email or call

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QRZ.COM trivia

[Q152] submitted by [WB8AXI](#), [Difficulty Odds](#): 1.2 to 1

· **Who was Lindberg's radio operator on his epoch-making flight, now referred as 'North to the Orient'?**

1 BERNT BACHEN

2 COMMODORE PERRY

3 HIS WIFE,

ANNE MORROW LINDBERG

4 COMMANDER RICHARD E BYRD

See answer on page 13

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Member Happenings

Hi everybody,
From Northern California

My wife and I retired to Grass Valley in Northern California three years ago. Ham radio wasn't a high priority until I received an email from Bob, K4UEE telling me when they are on Peter One they will be listening on 10 meters. Ok. With me on a backhoe and my wife wielding a post hole digger we dug a six foot hole. There were some setbacks with rain, rain and more rain plus a couple days of snow to hinder the progress. Finally a reprieve, both in weather and the years' delay in the DXpedition. This gave me more time to assemble and tune my 70's homebrew 5 element mono bander and a couple months to allow the concrete to dry before raising the Wilson tower. I then moved a computer to hook up the FT-101E and external VFO. When I turned the radio on I found dust had gotten into the radio and there was some smoke and a bad smell coming out of the finals compartment. Ok, I take everything apart and clean including the driver and finals tubes. After that everything worked fine except the tubes were now flat and only loaded to 50 watts. Then it dawned on me I had no ground so I took 30 feet of electrical wire and went from the back of the radio to the meter box ground lug. W6EL Prop gave me beam headings and possible opening times.

Daily I scanned 10 meters from 28.475, the published frequency, to 28.500. On February 15 at 2200Z I found them at 28.495 and worked Peter One for 10m country 337. It took six minutes of calling to get through with flattened finals. I gave him an exaggerated report of 3x2 and it took three overs to consummate the contact.

Fortunately there was NO interference as usually experienced on a DX transmit frequency. My wife is happy it's over as now we can shut the slider where I had the coax, rotor cable and ground wire coming through.

Best wishes - Gary Pesselt, WB6PSY



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GUESS WHO?



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Don n6ic Tex n6ahv Gary wb6psy Frank w6aoa

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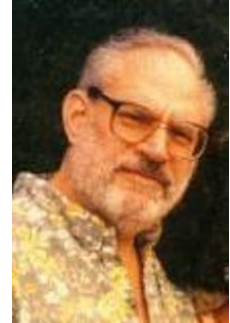
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Ham radio fans to convene in Visalia
By Melinda Morales
Staff writer, Visalia Times Delta

A worldwide gathering of ham radio operators is scheduled this week end at the Visalia Holiday Inn, with exhibits, seminars, drawings and lots of socializing.

It's the 57th Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Southern California DX club, spokesman Arthur Holub said. It runs Friday through Sunday.



"There is the Northern California DX and the Southern California DX,

and what better place to meet than in Visalia," he said.

He said he expects around 600 participants.

DX, he said, means distance, and that explains the purpose of the club, a group of people who talk to other people around the world over their radios.

It might seem like a pastime whose time has passed since the dawn of the Internet and the ability to communicate via satellite.

But he said there are social and technical aspects to it that the Internet doesn't have.

"In case of an international emergency, we have very good and powerful radio stations that our members operate in their homes, and they're able to talk to people all over the world," he said, citing as an example Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast late last summer.

"Many times it's the only way you can communicate."

He said the typical ham radio operator is "sort of a special breed, and a very serious amateur."

Exhibits and displays are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and a series of forums and lectures are scheduled between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday. Manufacturer reps will be available to answer technical questions about equipment.

The event wraps up after a farewell breakfast on Sunday.

MEMBERS FORUM

THE INVISIBLE DX CLUB

The Southern California DX Club is the premiere DX association in Southern California and boasts a large membership of over 150 active, dues paying and charter members and more than 15 honorary members from all over the world. A large percentage of our members are on the DXCC honor roll and are highly ranked for other DX awards sponsored by the ARRL, IOTA and CQ magazine. We count among our constituents accomplished Dxers who have participated in major expeditions and IOTA operations. We have been very successful with the Visalia DX convention, but we share this venue with other organizations in Arizona and California; thus, it is not solely linked to SCDXC but to Dxers on the left coast.

Outside of California, I think we are little recognized. How could we improve our stature in the world of DX? A possible route to more conspicuous notice could be to contribute directly to major Dxpeditions like other smaller DX clubs and contest clubs instead of sending funds to the NCDXF. The membership will be polled for opinions and the board may consider this proposal. Seeing our club logo along with those of the Lone Star DX Association, the Southeastern DX club, the Carolina DX Association, the National Capitol DX Association, etc. or at least being recognized on the card along with the Virginia DX Century Club, the Ft. Wayne DX Association, the North Florida DX Association, the Mile-Hi DX Association, etc. on the thousands of QSL cards that are sent out after a major expedition would be a step in the direction of higher visibility.

Another course of action could be to prominently display our club logo on our own QSL cards. There are many organizations that encourage their members to use a club card design like the Frankford Radio Club, the Yankee Clipper contest club and the ARRL. There are several members of our club (N6HC, W6IRD, K6IRD, K6YUI among others) that send QSL cards with our flag logo proudly exhibited in red, white, blue and black. Think about how many QSL cards all the members of our club mail around the world every year. Could there be an easier way to promote the SCDXC in the eyes of the DX community?

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My club card is no more expensive than the generic color QSL through W4MPY printing (I have no financial relationship with “Wimpy”) and I am sure that any printer could incorporate the SCDXC logo into any QSL card design. The next time you need to order QSL cards, think about honoring our club.

Although only a handful of our members “seriously” and actively participate in DX contests, many of us jump into the fray to join the fun for a few hours. In addition to adding those contacts to your general logging program also consider sending a copy of your log to the contest sponsor. Identify yourself as a member of SCDXC and request that your score be added to other SCDXC members who submit logs. Your contest score added to other submissions gets our club listed in the final tally. It would be gratifying to be the highest scoring club, but the true goal is to get our organization’s name into the mix. If you need any help, the active testers in the club can give you guidance on how to present your log to the sponsor.

We have an extremely talented and sophisticated pool of active members in our club who could suggest other methods of promoting the SCDXC. Let’s not be provincial. Think BIG! When the worldwide DX community thinks of enterprising, enthusiastic and dynamic DX- related organizations, we want them to include the Southern California DX Club among the elite.

Best Regards, 73 Arnie, N6HC

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anagram answers

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| 4. WORK ETHIC = | WHITE ROCK |
| 5. A NASA SORT = | SANTA ROSA |
| 6. VALET SONG = | GALVESTON |

FROM ANOTHER MEMBER

There seems to be a lot of talk these days about the funds we distribute for various causes and for various reasons. Mostly I hear loud voices saying this and that but do I hear? “ How do we go about this “?

One way is to fly by the seat of your pants and argue about this cause or that one. I agree that we should be recognized for our actions with words or logo, but are we ready to act as our own foundation? It is true that giving to the No. Cal DX Foundation is the easiest. No pain no strain, just send money but does any one know of our gifts. We have in the past given some sums of money to the tune of two thousand or more with no apparent even thank you note. On the other hand, they have the ability to receive great sums from corporations and the thank you appears to be the same. They have a great ability to offer great funds for good causes (dxpeditions). The dilemma, where do we want our money to go? Can we satisfy each side of this fence?

I would like to hear from the individuals who argue the loudest and come forth and put their reasons and suggestions on paper for all to see and discuss.

In this newsletter Arnie, N6HC, very nicely described ways to keep our club name in the lime light. The QSL card is the best. I know my card shows the club logo, but not in color.

As long as I'm on a soapbox I will state my ideas for consideration.

- Set aside a reasonable amount of money to be donated each year.
- Set aside an amount to be given to the Foundation.

Remember to renew your foundation membership yearly.

- Set aside an amount to be given to the ARRL.

Some DX fund.

- Set aside an amount to be used for major DX peditions and other minor DX peditions that are on any Coast.
- The simple way to satisfy our needs and requirements and be recognized as the Great DX club that we are. I don't see the big change some people want. It is only a matter of suggestion and do.

**MY OPINION, WHATS YOURS?
IF YOU COMPLAIN YOU MUST EXPLAIN.**

73, STEVE,w6nrq

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Trivia answer

Answer 3 is Correct!

Anne Morrow Lindberg, daughter of US ambassador to Mexico and Lindberg's wife learned to be a 'CW' radio operator.

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NGC 2440: Cocoon of a New White Dwarf

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Explanation: Like a [butterfly](#), a [white dwarf star](#) begins its life by casting off a cocoon that enclosed its former self. In this analogy, however, the [Sun](#) would be a [caterpillar](#) and the ejected shell of gas would become the prettiest of all! In the [above cocoon](#), the [planetary nebula](#) designated NGC 2440, [contains one of the hottest white dwarf stars known](#). The [white dwarf](#) can be seen as the bright dot near the photo's center. [Our Sun will eventually become a "white dwarf butterfly"](#), but not for another 5 billion years. The [above false color image](#) was post-processed by [Forrest Hamilton](#).